



CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE/TIME: Monday, July 17, 2006 - 7:00 p.m.

**LOCATION: Police Department Auditorium
870 Santa Barbara Drive**

Roll Call

1. Minutes of June 5, 2006 (*draft minutes attached*)
2. Draft letter, dated July 17, 2006, submitted to Mayor Webb and members of the City Council regarding issues relevant to the General Plan Update and the Draft Environmental Impact Report on the General Plan 2006 Update (*attachment*)
3. Public Comments
4. Future Agenda Items
5. Adjournment

NEXT MEETING DATE: August 21, 2006

*Attachments can be found on the City's website <http://www.city.newport-beach.ca.us>. Once there, click on **City Council**, then scroll to and click on **Agendas and Minutes** then scroll to and click on **Environmental Quality Affairs**. If attachment is not on the web page, it is also available in the City of Newport Beach Planning Department, 3300 Newport Boulevard, Building C, 2nd Floor.



CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DRAFT MINUTES 06-05-06

Draft minutes of the Environmental Quality Affairs Committee held at the City of Newport Beach Police Department Auditorium, 870 Santa Barbara Drive, on **Monday, June 05, 2006**.

Members Present:

X	Keith Curry, Council Member	X	Sandra Haskell
X	Richard Nichols, Council Member	X	Barry Allen
X	Cris Trapp, Chairperson	X	Kristine Adams
X	Dolores Otting, Vice Chair		Marianne Zippi
	Lloyd Ikerd		Tom Hyans – <i>sick leave</i>
	Matt Wiley	X	Jack Wu
	Christopher Welsh		Jennifer Winn - <i>excused</i>
X	Mike Browning	X	Ray Halowski
X	Brent Cooper		Barbara Thibault
X	Laura Dietz		Merritt Van Sant
X	Kenneth Drellishak		
	Laura Curran		
X	Walter Lazicki		

Staff Representatives:

Guests Present:

X	Assistant City Manager Sharon Wood	

Chairperson Cris Trapp called the meeting to order at approximately 7:15 p.m.

1. Minutes of May 22, 2006

Motion: Sandra Haskell moved to approve the minutes as written.
Kenneth Drellishak seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously

2. Discussion of subcommittee comments on Draft Environmental Impact Report on General Plan 2006 Update –

Dolores Otting moved to approve draft comments with changes. Ray Halowski seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Report from EQAC Representative to GPUC –

No report.

4. Report from EQAC Members on GPAC –

No report.

5. Economic Development Committee (EDC) Representative's Report –

No report.

6. Report from Staff on Current Projects –

Cris Trapp appointed Jack Wu as Chair of the South Coast Shipyard subcommittee.

7. Public Comments –

Dolores Otting provided the Membership Subcommittee report. The subcommittee recommended that Tom Hyans be designated an honorary member, which would create a community association vacancy. Also, District 1 has a district vacancy and District 7 has an at-large vacancy.

8. Future Agenda Items –

Letter of recommendation on the General Plan policies to be presented at the July 17, 2006 meeting.

9. Adjournment –

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

July 17, 2006

DRAFT

The Honorable Mayor Don Webb
Newport Beach City Council
3300 Newport Boulevard
Newport Beach, California 92658-8915

RE: City of Newport Beach General Plan Update

Dear Mayor Webb and Members of the City Council:

As you are aware, the Environmental Quality Affairs Committee (“EQAC”) reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Report (“DEIR”) for the General Plan Update and submitted its comments to the Council on June ____, 2006.

During EQAC’s review of the DEIR, several issues were raised that, after discussion at our meeting of June 5, 2005, the Committee determined were more relevant to the General Plan Update itself, rather than the DEIR.

The Committee is concerned that the DEIR is basically silent on the issue of air pollution control of emissions from the large number of watercraft that navigate Newport Bay. However, after further discussion, the members agreed that the reason the DEIR is silent on this issue is that the General Plan Update does not address this issue. The Committee believes that this is an important issue, and one that has the potential to continue to worsen if it is not addressed in the General Plan Update.

The Committee is also concerned that the use of landscape blowers is a nuisance that should be eliminated in the City. While Policy N 7.4 does address this issue, in the spirit of trying to be as responsive as possible, the policy should be strengthened to read that the City will eliminate the use of blowers by the City by 2010 (for example) and require the same on private property.

In Section 4.8.2, Other Land Use Changes, the DEIR identifies two parcels to be rezoned to multi-family residential; in both cases, the reason given is consistency with adjacent uses. Since the existing uses, including childcare do not appear to be in conflict with a residential area, the change seems to eliminate needed ancillary uses without reason. This is counter also to Policy LU 6.2.5, which seeks to allow for complementary uses.

There is an apparent endorsement of the current level of charter boat activity on the Bay. The Committee believes that the General Plan Update should look to this activity with an eye to limiting growth.

The DEIR is basically silent on the issue of air pollution control of emissions from the large number of watercraft that navig

Thank you for the opportunity to address these issues relative to the General Plan Update, as well as opportunity to review and comment on the DEIR.

THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE